Assessment of impact of failure of monsoon

138. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less than sufficient Monsoon this year has badly affected the farming community in the country;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by Government to assess the loss of production due to inadequate Monsoon;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, alongwith the percentage of the agricultural land sown under Rabi and Kharif;

(d) whether Government contemplates to have a comprehensive plan for introducing drip irrigation on mass level in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) constituted by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation visited the States to assess the loss of production due to inadequate monsoon, 2009. A statement of Relief assistance under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) approved by high level committee, is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below). The information relating to area sown during Kharif is given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below). It is too early to estimate to area sown in rabi since sowing is in progress.

(d) and (e) The Government has launched Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrirgation (MI) in January, 2006 towards installation of drip & sprinkler irrigation system for horticulture & agriculture crop in the country. Under the scheme, assistance is provided to all categories of farmers @50% of the total cost of drip system for maximum area of 5 hectare per beneficiary family.

Statement-I

Drought Relief

(Rs.in Crores)

Sl. No.	State	Assistance sought from NCCF	Assistance approved by HCL from NCCF*
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	9747.42	Under Consideration
2	Assam	792.60	-do-
3	Bihar	23071.13	1163.64
4	Himachal Pradesh	608.13	88.93

1	2	3	4
5	Jharkhand	890.31	200.955
6	Karnataka	394.92	116.49
7	Madhya Pradesh	11669.68	246.31
8	Maharashtra	15059.64	671.88
9	Manipur	22.09	14.57
10	Nagaland	119.28	21.12
11	Rajasthan	12690.99	1034.84
12	Uttar Pradesh	1193.75	515.05

*Subject to adjustment of 75% of balance available in CRF.

Statement-II

Area sown during Kharif season 2009-10

Sl.No.	Crop	Normal Area (in lakh ha)	Area sown (lakh ha) upto	Area sown last year
1	Rice	391.17	328.17	388.26 (-60.09)
2	Jowar	42.08	31.27	29.34 (+1-93)
3	Bajra	91.81	85.44	85.27 (-0.17)
4	Maize	63.70	71.13	70.53 (-0.6)
5	Total coarse cereals	228.62	207.38	206.68 (-0.70)
6	Cotton	83.73	96.21	84.86 (+11.35)
7	Sugarcane	39.27	42.50	43.79 (-1.29)
8	Jute	8.24	6.92	7.06 (-0.14)
9	Pulses	111.70	101.42	95.99 (+5.43)
10	Oilseeds	166.40	174.91	184.43 (-9.52)

Reforms in subsidy policy to enhance production

139. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual growth in farm production over the past six years has been abysmally low as compared to fertilizer subsidy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government contemplates to introduce reforms in subsidy policies to enhance farm production; and